

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2007***

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm. Selectmen present were: Michael Woodworth and James McIlroy. Wes Moore joined the meeting in progress. Others present were: Police Chief Reed and Attorney Tom Closson.

Checks were signed.

The letter from the State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services with regard to the threat from mosquito borne illnesses was read and will be posted on the Town Office Bulletin Board.

The Tax Collector's Warrant for the Property Tax Levy was signed. A Supplemental Warrant for Property Tax Levy was signed and an abatement was signed.

The SAU #16 Cash Flow Projection for the 2007-2008 fiscal year was reviewed.

Michael Woodworth attended the Selectmen's Training Class today and stated that it was very informative.

The legal notice for the second Proposed Bicycle Lane Public Hearing was printed in the Exeter Newsletter today. It was decided that one printing in the newspaper is sufficient. The public hearing notices have also been posted in the Town Office, the Library, the Post Office, on the Newfields' website, and will be on the marquee. Wes asked for approval from James and Michael to speak with a reporter from the Exeter Newsletter for an article to be published about the upcoming hearing. They gave Wes their approval for this. Nancy was asked to confirm that Reuben Hull, Town Planner and Fran Lane, Town Counsel will attend the meeting. Wes asked Chief Reed to attend the public hearing.

The Primex Multi-Year Agreement was discussed. Although the Selectmen are happy with the current program, they are not willing to extend the agreement at this time. They prefer to wait until the current agreements expire in January 2008 and January 2009. This will also give the Town the opportunity to obtain quotes from other insurance carriers. A letter will be drafted to send to Primex informing them of this decision.

Wes made a motion not to accept the Primex Multi-Year Agreement offer at this time. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Wes spoke with Kevin Kukesh about the brickwork to be completed at the Town Hall and stated that Kevin expects to have the work completed by the end of June.

Nancy was asked to follow up with Reuben Hull on the railings and power washing of the paint off of the new handicapped ramp, as well as his review of the Library Parking Lot plans, and the retaining wall at Badger Park.

Nancy advised the Selectmen that she spoke with Jean LaBranche of the Newfields Garden Club about planting flowers in the flower boxes at the old Post Office Building. Jean said the Garden Club would be happy to do so.

Wes made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Michael and passed with all in favor.

Wes hopes to have the final version of the rental/lease agreement of the old Post Office Building ready for signatures at next week's Selectmen's Meeting. The tenant would like to start occupancy as soon as possible, but no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Alison Watts spoke with Wes prior to tonight's meeting about the Selectmen's concern with how the Conservation Commission is spending their funds. Alison will call Nancy to be put on the Agenda to discuss this. The Town Auditors have asked that the Conservation Commission's checking account be closed and all payments made from the Town of Newfields checking account. The Selectmen also voted to approve all payments made by or on behalf of the Conservation Commission. These changes are for government accounting purposes only, not an indication with concerns or issues with the Conservation Commission.

Alison's concerns regarding this situation will be forwarded to the Town Auditors for their comments.

Chief Reed asked that a Highway Speed Grant Application be signed by one of the Selectmen and Wes did so.

Chief Reed advised that for Newfields Police Officer Grant Fotheringham has returned from his deployment to Iraq and is back in this area. He is currently a recruiter for the Marines. Grant will check with his commanding officer to see if he can perform as a part-time police officer for the Town of Newfields. The Board of Selectmen extended gratitude to Grant for his service to our country.

The Police Department will be ordering a new police cruiser this year. Funds for this cruiser will come from the revolving account set up last year. The cruiser that will be replaced currently needs approximately \$2,000. of repairs and cannot be used at night. It was originally scheduled for replacement last year, but the mileage was not high enough to make the purchase cost effective.

Wes asked who authorizes the purchase of cruisers. Chief Reed stated a replace-

ment schedule was put into place a few years ago and he is using that as a guideline.

Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm and go into a working session with counsel. James seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer